

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 21 December 2001 with nineteen claims, two of which were written in independent form. Claims 10-19 have been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1-4, 8, 20, 23, and 25 have been amended.

The Examiner stated, "It appears from fig. 1 of the disclosure the lower package portion has four corners that are identical, with the exception that a metallization layer (110) is located on the top surface of the lower package (102). The upper package on the other hand appears to have a unique corner, because one of the corners is chopped off."

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, "a second portion of said package on said first surface of said first portion, said intermediate metalization layer in said first corner region extending beyond said second portion to uniquely identify said first corner region."

Claim 2 has been amended to recite, "a second portion of said package supported by said first surface of said first portion, said second portion not covering said first said corner region such that said first corner region is uniquely identified."

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herewith, it is believed that the claims currently in the application accord with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is urged that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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